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SANTA FE NOTES.

All Kinds of Things from the Capital City, Well Selected and Well Put by the "Optic's" Correspondent.

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SANTA FE, March 14.—M. R. Williams and a force of A. T. & S. F. mechanics arrived here from Las Vegas, this morning, and started some much needed improvements at the depot. That unsightly wind mill is to be removed, a water crane put in and 400 feet of pipe laid, so that henceforth the railroad water supply will come from the city water system instead of the depot well. The depot park is also to be improved and the fountain set going again. For these small favors Santa Feans are thankful.

National guard circles are once more eagerly discussing the war news. Adjutant General Hersey says he has 700 well equipped men ready for duty, and in seventy-two hours could have 1,500 ready to start for Cuba. He says there are 25,000 able bodied men in New Mexico fit for military service, and that 5,000 could be made ready for such service in fifteen days. Lists of available men are now being made up in every county in the Territory, for the use of the adjutant general's office. The above information has been imparted to the war department and Col. Hearsey is in receipt of a letter from the adjutant general's office thanking him for the same.

In city politics a hot fight is on over the Republican nomination for the city clerkship. The city is poor, but the clerk's salary has nevertheless been recently raised to \$40 per month. Charlie Conklin is a candidate for renomination, but several of the party leaders are said to have promised the place to Marcelino Ortiz, who was turned down for the interpretership of the district court. As for the mayoralty, it appears that Mayor Spiess will likely be re-nominated. As yet the Democrats are saying nothing but "sawing wood."

Clint Biggs, the Chama river lumberman, is organizing a mercantile company to engage in business at Espanola, in competition with Bond Bros., who have made half a dozen fortunes there.

Mr. J. F. Manning, late of Baton formerly editor of the Gulf road's magazine, in Denver, and a bright and active young man, has taken a position as city news hustler on the *New Mexican*.

Delegate Fergusson has scored a triumph in the passage by Congress of his bill to locate the capital permanently at Santa Fe. It ought to have been done long ago, for it has stood for years as a resourceful topic for political boodlers to play upon, much to the dis-

gust of a vast majority of the people of the Territory.

Joseph A. Coram, one of the great financiers of Boston, and a lot of Massachusetts and New York men, today filed articles in Secretary Wallace's office for the Cochiti Gold Mining company, capital stock \$1,500,000. They own the Albemarle group of mines and their charter, which is formed under the laws of New Jersey, authorizes them not only to mine and erect mills, smelters, etc., but to build towns, railroads, corrals, pipe lines, etc. Cochiti is in luck to have such men identified with its prosperity.

The Trans Mississippi exposition board meets here tomorrow to decide what New Mexico lady is to have the honor of sending in the profile of her pretty face and shoulders, along with Mrs. Solomon Luna, to serve for the composite picture on the exposition souvenir medal. The board will be shown five photographs of Mrs. Luna, which your correspondent had the pleasure of seeing today. They are perfect in their artistic beauty, and do the handsome subject full justice.

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New Consumption Cure.

F. J. Butler, of San Gabriel, Calif., was a south bound passenger through the city. Mr. Butler is secretary of the San Gabriel Pulmonary Sanitarium company, and in speaking of their treatment of tuberculosis and kindred diseases, said to an OPTIC representative that their method of treatment is called continuous medicated inhalation, and is given in this manner:

First, fresh air is drawn from the outer atmosphere by a vacuum pump, and forced under moderate pressure through a battery of cylinders containing a germicidal antiseptic preparation, thus producing a germicidal antiseptic vapor. This vapor after having the moisture extracted, is conveyed to the apartment of each patient. Mr. Butler said all they ask a patient to do is to breathe, and they furnish a chemically pure air containing nothing on which the bacilli of consumption can thrive. On the theory that pure mountain air arrests and often cures this dread disease, in its first stages, the promoters of this treatment claim that an absolutely pure air containing an antiseptic that kills the germ of tuberculosis, can be the only sure remedy. The company has just completed a large sanitarium in Phoenix, Arizona, and besides the parent house in San Gabriel, has a large place in Chicago.

The will of an old London merchant which has just been published shows him to have been something of a wag, for he has made a list of all his "bad debts" and left them as legacies distributed among his friends, one particularly favored person getting over \$5,000 worth.

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